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Reaching out in service to:
Veterans

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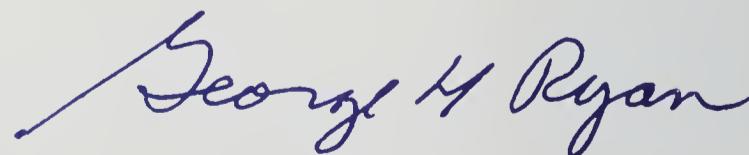
Illinois salutes its veterans

As Secretary of State and as a fellow veteran, I am proud that those who have served our country have a special ally in the Office of the Secretary of State's Department of Human Services.

This pamphlet explains the Secretary of State's programs and services that may be of particular interest to veterans. As part of the effort to serve these individuals, our select veterans staff currently has a vast number of years of military service, and they are well acquainted with all aspects of state government affecting veterans.

I assure you of my ongoing commitment to serve those who have given so much to our state and to our country, and that our veterans shall not be forgotten.

Please contact the Department of Human Services if we can be of assistance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George H. Ryan".

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Veteran Employment

The Secretary of State maintains a veterans preference in hiring and administers a Veteran Networking Program to inform veterans of employment opportunities within the agency. The Secretary of State is committed to the placement of qualified veterans.

Not-For-Profit Status?

Many veterans clubs or organizations are interested in acquiring not-for-profit status — a service provided through the Secretary of State's office. For more information, contact the Department of Human Services.

Special Military Plates

The Secretary of State offers ten military service-related license plates to qualified veterans to give heightened visibility to those who have served the nation.

Armed Forces Reserves, Retired Armed Forces and Illinois National Guard plates recognize those who protect citizens in times of national emergency.

Another grouping of license plates — the Disabled Veteran, Ex-Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor and Purple Heart — honor those who have endured the pain of war. Related to this is the Gold Star license plate, paying respectful tribute to the spouse or parents of individuals who lost their lives while in the service.

Illinois also honors Medal of Honor recipients with a special plate recognizing their contributions.

The newest addition is the Korean War Veteran plate (approved September 1993).

For more information, contact:
Secretary of State
Non-Standard Plates Section
Howlett Building, Room 539
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(800) 252-8980

Making Parking A Bit Easier

There are two forms of identification for handicapped parking: cards and license plates.

Handicapped parking cards are available at no cost to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

The other option is handicapped license plates — available to persons who are permanently disabled. These plates may be purchased by individuals with disabilities at the cost of standard license plates for each vehicle titled in their name. Disabled veterans may obtain special Disabled Veteran plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-connected. In addition, the Secretary of State publishes a free Handicapped Parking Program guide.

Cut Car Costs

Discounts on automobile insurance premiums are available to certain drivers age 55 and over. Individuals successfully completing an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State's office may be eligible for this program.

Picture This

An official Illinois Photo Identification Card for both drivers and non-drivers can be obtained through the Secretary of State's office. The ID is free to persons age 65 and over and to persons with disabilities. There is a \$4 fee for others. It is valid for five years and may be obtained at any drivers license facility or mobile photo ID unit throughout the state.

When It Helps To Review

A free Rules of the Road Review course is offered state-wide to people taking the drivers license examination. Veterans' organizations are encouraged to sponsor these classes for members and their families. Call the Department of Human Services for more information and assistance.



**Service to Veterans
(2170 782-8893**

For further information:

U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Chicago VA Regional Office

P.O. Box 8136

536 South Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60680

Phone Number (800) 827-1000

Phone Number (312) 663-5510

VA Health Care Facilities:

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| Chicago (Lakeside) | (312) 943-6600 |
| Chicago (Westside) | (312) 666-6500 |
| Danville | (217) 442-8000 |
| Hines | (708) 343-7200 |
| Marion | (618) 997-5311 |
| North Chicago | (708) 688-1900 |
| Peoria | (309) 671-7350 |
| John Cochran, MO | (314) 652-4100 |
| Jefferson Barracks, MO | (314) 487-0400 |

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

P.O. Box 19432

833 South Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62794-9432

Phone Number (800) 437-9824

Phone Number (217) 782-6641

State Approval Agencies (ILDVA)

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| Chicago | (312) 814-5530 |
| Springfield | (217) 782-7838 |

Illinois Student Assistance Commission

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| Deerfield | (708) 948-8550 |
| Springfield | (217) 782-2577 |

Illinois Department of Conservation

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| Chicago | (312) 814-2072 |
| Springfield | (217) 782-7305 |

Illinois Veteran Homes

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| Manteno | (815) 468-6581 |
| Quincy | (217) 222-8641 |
| LaSalle | (815) 223-0303 |
| Anna | (618) 833-6406 |

VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois Headquarters:

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| American Legion | (309) 663-0361 |
| AMVETS | (217) 528-4713 |
| DAV | (312) 353-3960 |
| VFW | (217) 529-6688 |
| MPMA | (312) 873-6600 |
| VVA | (309) 786-4530 |
| MOPH | (312) 663-0906 |